



Minutes of Meeting
CITIZENS' EFFICIENCY COMMISSION
March 13, 2013

ATTENDANCE

Citizens' Efficiency Commissioners

X	Jeff Adkisson	X	Marilyn Kushak
X	Daniel Cadigan		Frank McNeil
	Josh Collins	X	Mike Murphy
X	Jerry Crabtree	X	Drinda O'Connor
X	Gary Crompton	X	Robert Plunk
X	James Donelan	X	Kent Redfield
X	Kevin Dorsey	X	J. D. Sudeth
X	Cliff Erwin		Kenley Wade, Sr.
	Lee Fields, Jr.		Joan Walters
X	Bob Gray	X	Robert Wesley
X	Karen Hasara		

Others

Norm Sims- SSCRPC
Jeff Fulgenzi- SSCRPC
Amy Uden- SSCRPC

Richard Bennett- UIS Volunteer
Richard Treat- SCTOA

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Karen Hasara called the meeting of the Citizens' Efficiency Commission to order and welcomed commissioners and guests.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Hasara asked for approval of the February minutes. Ms. Drinda O'Connor made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. J.D. Sudeth seconded the motion and the minutes were approved

III. SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Chair Hasara Introduced Dr. Ashley Kirzinger, Director of Survey Research at UIS. Dr. Kirzinger gave a report on the Sangamon County Quality of Life Survey that is currently being conducted by her office. It is funded by the Center for State Policy and Leadership, the Lincoln Land Community Foundation, and United Way of Central Illinois. This survey will be conducted every two years for the next 10 years. The questions for the survey were put together by a steering committee made up of individuals from local committee organizations such as the Citizen's Club and Habitat for Humanity. There are nine topical areas covered by the survey including education, health care, public safety and infrastructure. Citizens from all over Sangamon County are being contacted by phone and asked to take the survey. At the time of this meeting 100 surveys had been completed. Dr. Kinzinger indicated that



the group plans that the results of the survey will be released to the public on June 28th.

IV. REPORTS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES:

Chair Hasara then invited officers and committee chairs to report on recent activities for their committees:

Report of the Chair:

Chair Hasara reported that the Committee has had several opportunities to meet with local organizations to present the First-Year Progress Report. She noted that media coverage has been positive and that *The State Journal Register* has invited the Committee to write a monthly guest editorial. Committee Chairs will be asked to contribute to the editorials. Chair Hasara also reported that the statewide Local Government Consolidation Commission set up by the General Assembly has requested to meet with this the CEC for perspective on its work and suggestions. The meeting date will be announced when set.

Administrative, Management, and Budget Committee:

Committee Chair Kushak expressed that she was also pleased with the recent positive media coverage the CEC had received. She also noted that the committee continues to work with Mr. Redfield on the potential revision of legal requirements for state-mandated annual published reports. She reported that Mr. Redfield has completed an inventory of public notice requirements and is working on obtaining the cost figures associated with publication. The goal is to have this report completed by mid-April.

Ms. Kushak added that the committee will continue to monitor the joint purchasing recommendation issued by the commission last month. The Leadership Springfield Buy Local project will be completed next month and there may be more to add to the recommendation as a result of this project. Chair Kushak explained that Source Sangamon will be unveiled at the Business Connections event next week, and should also play a role in the CEC's on-going encouragement of joint purchasing opportunities.

Committee Chair Kushak noted that the committee is looking at several areas for possible future study. They include back office and payroll sharing as well as group or joint bonding.

In the area of healthcare cost containment, Ms. Kushak announced that the Chamber will be holding a Small Business Council Seminar entitled "The Affordable Care Act and the Exchange...What does it mean for Illinoisans?" on April 10th at 8:00 am. For more information on the seminar call 525-1173 ext. 216.

Ms. Kushak reported that the committee has been somewhat disappointed in the amount of public sector input the CEC has received. She recently met with Mr. Steward Sandstorm, President & CEO of the Chamber. He has agreed to have Mr.



Josh Collins send board members the survey that has been on the Chamber web site for some time. Ms. Kushak and Chair Hasara have been invited to address the board to give a brief report on the Commission. They will reinforce the need for private sector input in the CEC's work at that meeting.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2013, 10:00 am; SSCRPC Conference Room 212. The time was changed so commissioners can attend the State of the City Address.

Community Development Committee:

Committee Chair Cliff Erwin reported that the committee has set four priorities to work on from now until the end of June. They are as follows: 1) Potential cooperative relationships between local government entities and local universities and colleges; 2) Collaboration between libraries; 3) Building code and permitting process; and 4) school-related efficiencies.

Mr. Erwin noted that at the last committee meeting there were two speakers from local libraries. They reported that libraries are getting less funding but are still trying to provide the same level of services. There was a brief discussion related to the CEC's role in making recommendations related to entities such as school districts whose boundaries extend beyond the borders of Sangamon County. The committee noted that it was important to look at all units of government, even if they extended beyond Sangamon County's boundaries, but that school districts are currently a low priority in the group's research.

Committee Chair Erwin announced that there will be two representatives of the building trades at the next committee meeting. They will be giving their perspective of the building code and permitting process. There was a brief discussion of new state requirements on energy efficient construction.

Next Committee Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2013, 3:00 pm; Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce Conference Room.

Public Safety Committee:

Committee Chair Bob Gray reported that the committee continues to research law enforcement and fire protection, and is looking into various conceptual frameworks for these services. He indicated that they hope to issue at least one report at the April meeting on these topics.

Next Committee Meeting: Wednesday, March 27th, 3:00 pm; Sangamon County Farm Bureau

Public Works Committee:

Committee Chair Jim Donelan announced that there will be an electric aggregation meeting on March 18th. It is expected that an alternative retail electric supplier will be picked at that time. He also noted the Consortium has determined that it will use a



reverse auction for its bidding process. Pre-qualified suppliers will bid, and the lowest electric supply price will be selected.

Mr. Donelan reported that the committee has chosen several areas of focus. They are as follows: 1) Training for public works officials; 2) Infrastructure funding; and 3) IPWMAN, a collaborative group for public works departments participating in shared emergency response in a manner similar to those of MILEAS and MABAS for police and fire departments.

Committee Chair Donelan noted that the committee will attempt to have a special meeting on March 25th at the SSCRPC office. Representatives from the sanitary district and the City of Springfield will be invited. The committee hopes to explore way that these entities may be able to work more closely together.

Mr. Donelan explained that his committee is soon going to try to schedule a trip to Aurora or Chicago to find out more about the NAPA parts inventory system that the these cities have begun to utilize in their maintenance garages. The committee would like the see if this is a viable option related to local garage consolidation efforts.

Next Committee Meeting: Monday, April 8th, 3:00 pm; SSCRPC Conference Room, Sangamon County Complex Room 212. Special Meeting tentatively set for March 25th, 3:00 pm; SSCRPC Conference Room.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Chair Hasara asked if there was any new business to come before the commission. There was none.

Next meeting date—April 10, 2013 at 3:00 PM, Location to be the Hoogland Center for the Arts.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Hasara invited members of the public to comment. There was no additional public comment.

Chair Hasara announced that there would be a couple of meetings with local unions in regard to the Annual Report. Committee Chairs or their delegate will be requested to attend these meetings. Mr. Jeff Fulgenzi noted that there have been several invitations to speak to local groups about the report. Mr. Bob Wesley volunteered to reach out to the local partisan committees as well.

Mr. Norm Sims reported that SSCRPC staff continues to explore the possibility for educational trips to Indianapolis and Kentucky to learn about their efforts to streamline local governments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT



Mr. Mike Murphy moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Josh Collins seconded the motion. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jane Lewis
Acting as Recording Secretary